

for fiscal year 2020 for the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Scott Gottlieb, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Energy's atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary, and Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported the original concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020.

#### **NOMINATION**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Gardner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### **PFAS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal response to the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), after receiving testimony from David P. Ross, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment; and Patrick N. Breyse, Director, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Wing Chau, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, and Ramona L. Dohman, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 50 public bills, H.R. 1941–1990; 1 private bill, H.R. 1991; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; and H. Res. 264–270, were introduced. **Pages H2914–17**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H2919**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1598, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue a strategy to improve hiring and retention of U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-

sonnel in rural or remote areas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–22);

H.R. 1639, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identification of staffing needs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–23);

H.R. 1589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security

and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–24);

H.R. 1593, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a school security coordinating council, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–25);

H.R. 1433, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve morale within the Department of Homeland Security workforce by conferring new responsibilities to the Chief Human Capital Officer, establishing an employee engagement steering committee, requiring action plans, and authorizing an annual employee award program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–26); and

H.R. 1590, to require an exercise related to terrorist and foreign fighter travel, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–27). **Page H2914**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 179 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 136. **Pages H2889, H2899–H2900**

**Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals:** The House agreed to H. Res. 124, expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals, by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 185 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 135. **Pages H2891–99**

H. Res. 252, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) and the resolution (H. Res. 124) was agreed to yesterday, March 27th.

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Dunn wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H2900**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 264, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H2900**

**Amending title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 863, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page H2900**

**Cyberspace Solarium Commission—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission: Representative Gallagher. **Page H2900**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet

at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, March 29th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, April 1st for Morning Hour debate. **Page H2906**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2898–99 and H2899–H2900. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Vicki Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS: MAINTAINING A ROBUST ECOSYSTEM FOR OUR TECHNOLOGICAL EDGE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs: Maintaining a Robust Ecosystem for our Technological Edge". Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Bruce D. Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Department of the Army; James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition, Department of the Navy; and William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

### FY20 PRIORITIES FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "FY20 Priorities for Department of Defense Nuclear Activities". Testimony was heard from David Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; General John Hyten, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, U.S. Navy, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; and Lieutenant General Richard Clark, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration.